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LETTER DATED 15 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TUNISIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the attached statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia concerning today's announcement by Iraq that it intends to comply with Security Council resolution 660 (1990).

I should be grateful if you would have this statement distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ahmed GHEZAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

[Original: Arabic]

Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
on 15 February 1991

The Tunisian Government has learned with satisfaction that Iraq announced today that it was prepared to cooperate with a view to the implementation of Security Council resolution 660 (1990).

The Tunisian Government, which has worked ceaselessly for the application of international law and the peaceful settlement of the Gulf crisis, and which has called for Iraq's withdrawal and the preservation of the potential and achievements of the Iraqi people which are in danger of destruction and devastation, hopes that this positive initiative by Iraq will prompt a reaction which, by means of a halt to the fighting and a cessation of the conflict, will be able to put an end to this terrible tragedy and to arrive at a just and lasting settlement of all the region's problems, without which, it believes, the security and stability of the region cannot be assured.

The Tunisian Government strongly favours dialogue and peace and hopes sincerely that all the parties to the conflict will seize this opportunity to respond to the whole world's desire for security, stability and peace.